

our fallen officers, we express our Nation's gratitude.

In your spirit, I will continue to fight for those laws that provide our Nation's peace officers with the tools needed to fulfill their mandate of making our communities a safer place in which to live.

I urge all Americans to visit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington. It is a tribute to the dedicated service of our law enforcement officers and their distinguished service and sacrifice.

#### SUPPORT THE VETERANS SEXUAL TRAUMA TREATMENT ACT

#### HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 1999

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to make permanent the sexual trauma counseling and treatment services offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Veterans Sexual Trauma Treatment Act, which I also introduced during the 105th Congress, will enable more former military personnel who were subjected to sexual harassment or abuse during their military service to receive proper medical and psychological care.

A high incidence of sexual harassment and assault cases in the military have been reported in the past several years. While some of these cases have gained national attention, many more have gone unreported. What is often not discussed is the issue of treatment and counseling for the victims of these offenses. The current law does not provide medical and counseling services for victims of these abuses. The Veterans Sexual Trauma Treatment Act would permanently authorize sexual trauma and treatment for active military personnel, reservists and national guard personnel. My bill would also require the VA to report to Congress regarding the use of sexual trauma programs and their collaborative efforts with the Department of Defense to educate and inform our armed forces personnel about sexual trauma programs at VA facilities.

Mr. Speaker, a greater number of women are entering the military each year. These services are needed. I am hopeful that my colleagues will join me by supporting this bill. I look forward to working with them to provide all veterans with the health care they have earned and deserve.

#### A TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER FRIEDMAN

#### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 1999

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to salute a resident of New York who currently serves our country as a White House Fellow—Alexander Friedman.

Mr. Friedman is one of just 17 individuals nationwide to receive the White House Fellow-

ship this year. Established in 1965, the fellowship allows outstanding citizens to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime experience by working hand-in-hand with leaders in government. Applicants are chosen based on demonstration of excellence in community service, academic achievement, leadership and professional experience. It is the nation's most prestigious fellowship for public service and leadership development.

Alexander Friedman co-founded Adventa.com, an Internet firm that provides business-to-business marketing information. He also founded Accelerated Clinical, a biotechnology service company dedicated to accelerating the clinical trial process for biotechnology firms. He earned his BA in politics from Princeton University and a JD/MBA from Columbia University. Mr. Friedman is also a founder of the 21st Century Roundtable, his generation's first civic venture-capital non-profit group. The organization pairs young leaders of non-profits with young professionals who can provide advice, services and financing. He has maintained his commitment to civic duties by founding Climb for the Cure, a national student effort that raised \$1 million for AIDS research through a climb of Alaska's Mt. McKinley, and also by serving as a small-claims court and family mediator in Harlem and the South Bronx. His tireless efforts on behalf of the people of New York have earned him the honor of becoming a recipient of such a competitive fellowship.

As a White House Fellow, Mr. Friedman has been assigned to the Department of Defense. In this capacity, he serves as acting policy coordinator for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Office in the weapons protection, security and accounting effort, which is charged with protecting nuclear warheads in the former Soviet Union. He also analyzes and organizes the Department's and U.S. government's inter-agency assets to best respond to threats from Weapons of Mass Destruction. Further, Mr. Friedman created a prototype for the first Military-Business Leadership Fellowship and undertook a Marine Corps-wide analysis of organizational mission and implementation procedures.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Alexander Friedman on the floor of the House of Representatives for his accomplishments and for being chosen to participate in the White House Fellowship Program. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Alexander Friedman many more years of success.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 1999

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for the vote on final passage of H.R. 755 (rollcall 128). Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

#### A TRIBUTE TO FLORENCE WHITE

#### HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 1999

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of Illinois' 19th District; Flora White. I would like to recognize Florence White for her years of dedicated service in the Macon County Schools, as well as her everlasting interest and hard work in preserving the history of Macon County.

Florence has very deep roots in Macon County. She is a direct descendant of William Warnick, who was the first sheriff of Macon County. Her great-grandfather, William Austin, helped plot the city of Decatur.

It is clear why Florence has been honored for this important recognition. She started her teaching career in 1924, presiding over several one-room schools in Macon County. In 1955, she was appointed assistant superintendent in charge of elementary education in the Lakeview unit district. She subsequently became principal in the Brush College #2 School and Spence School. She frequently taught in the Macon County Historical Society's Salem one-room schoolhouse in the Society's Prairie Village. Florence is the author of "Rural Schools of Macon County" and "Memorial Windows." She has received numerous awards from Decatur philanthropic organizations. Florence received her masters degree from Millikin University.

Florence's life has been dedicated to the achievement of excellence in education and the preservation of the history and heritage of Macon County. For these reasons, I ask my colleagues to please join me in acknowledging a great American and Illinoisan, Mrs. Florence White.

#### HONORING WEST POINT CADET ALISON JONES

#### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to honor the heroism of West Point Cadet 1st Class Alison M. Jones.

I was present at a recent dress parade at West Point when Cadet Jones was awarded the Soldier's Medal, the Army's highest peacetime award for bravery. According to the award citation, Cadet Jones was awarded the medal for "heroism above and beyond the call of duty following the terrorist bombing of the United States Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, on 7 August 1998."

Cadet Jones was spending the summer interning in Kenya just a few blocks away from the embassy. Despite being nearly knocked down by the explosion, she rushed to the American Embassy and entered, searching for survivors and helping recover human remains. On her own initiative, she then "established a check point to control entry into the embassy and facilitate the restoration of security and the organization of rescue efforts."

In her search for victims, Cadet Jones discovered a Kenyan man whose leg had been crushed as a result of the explosion. She used pieces of a ceiling beam to make a splint for him and kept him calm so he would not pass out.

Cadet Jones is the first female West Point cadet to be awarded the Soldier's Medal, which was established in 1922 by the War Department to recognize acts of bravery committed during peacetime. While several West Point cadets have received the award, Ms. Jones is the first since 1992. The Soldier's Medal is amongst the highest honors that can be bestowed upon an individual, as the level of bravery the medal honors is equal to that needed to win the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Cadet Jones, 21, is a native of Baltimore, Maryland. Upon graduation, she plans to join the widely-deployed military police. This will allow her even more opportunities to exhibit her courage.

On May 29, 1999, West Point will graduate its final class of the 20th century. The sort of bravery exemplified by Cadet Jones is precisely what West Point training promotes. Actions such as those taken by Cadet Jones will enable our military forces to maintain their strong posture well into the next century.

While Cadet Jones' modesty may lead one to believe that her life-saving efforts were not unusual, it is obvious that such heroism is indeed extraordinary. Her leadership is to be honored and commended, not just through the presentation of the Soldier's Medal, but by a recognition of her efforts by all my colleagues today.

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TIONAL OCEAN SCIENCES BOWL  
TEAM

**HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 1999*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I am proud today to pay tribute to the students, teachers, parents and supporters of the Mt. Carmel High School National Ocean Sciences Bowl team that recently visited Washington, DC, for the competition's finals and won second place for the entire United States.

This is the second consecutive year that the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education has hosted the National Ocean Science Bowl for high school students from across the country, the second time that Mt. Carmel High has won its regional competition and come to Washington for the semifinals, and the first time the team has made the finals. In doing so, these students demonstrated their immense dedication of months of after-school study and investigation of oceanographic sciences and the world around us.

I would like to recognize each of the student team members by name, to honor their work and their extraordinary national achievement.

Daniel Warren Heise is a sophomore (among seniors) on Mt. Carmel High School's competing NOSB team in San Diego. How-

ever, he also participates in the Speech and Debate program and in Mt. Carmel's Key Club. He has assisted at nursing homes and orphanages in recent years. He also plays soccer, football, baseball, and basketball in the community. Danny loves to bodyboard at the beach, go camping, sketch, and kickbox. While taking frequent odd jobs on the side, he also has a 4.06 GPA. He aspires to attend a university and eventually travel much of the world.

Jennifer (J.J.) Nielsen is Captain of the Mt. Carmel High School NOSB team. She has been working with the team since January 1998. She is very proud and excited to be a part of the competing team, and looks forward to representing Southern California at the National Competition in Washington, DC. Besides working with the Oceanography team, Jennifer is also a part of the Mt. Carmel's Yearbook staff, CSF, and Link Crew. Outside of school, Jennifer enjoys snowboarding, SCUBA diving, hiking and listening to music. She has also been a Girl Scout since she was six years old. After she graduates in June 1999, Jennifer will attend San Diego State University and will work towards a degree in astronomy and geology.

Newton Quoc Quan is a senior at Mt. Carmel High School. This is his first year on NOSB team. He is also one of the senior captains at his high school's Varsity Lacrosse Team. He is currently involved in CSF, Link Crew, and Math Club. Newton currently has a 4.03 GPA and hopes to attend UCSD. He would like to thank all of his friends and family for all the support they have shown him. Newton would also like to especially thank Atish Baidya and Kevin Splittgeber for their involvement in getting him to join the team.

Bradley Wilson Reddell is a senior at Mt. Carmel High School. He currently lives in San Diego California with his parents and his thirteen-year-old brother. He is a current member of the ceramics club and NOSB. His hobbies include reading Robert Jordan and Tolkien novels, creative writing and archery. He also enjoys playing computer games. Brad has found that studying for NOSB has been well worth the time and has come to enjoy the challenge. He plans to attend Community College for two years then plans to transfer into a university and pursue a major in biology.

Lynn Sun is a senior at Mt. Carmel High School and is concurrently enrolled in the University of California, San Diego. She maintains a 4.2 GPA and is a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. She is also a member of the California Scholarship Federation and competes in Science Olympiad. She hopes to become a physician someday. In her free time she enjoys playing the piano, sketching, and skiing. Lynn would like to thank her parents, Huai and Jie Lin Sun, her coach, Harold Dorr, and all of her teachers and friends for their support.

I also want to specifically mention a number of teachers, parents and others who have been instrumental in the success of Mt. Carmel High's National Ocean Sciences Bowl team.

Harold W. Dorr is the coach of the Mt. Carmel High School National Science Bowl team. He is a science teacher at Mt. Carmel High School in the San Diego area where he teaches Oceanography and Zoology to 11 and 12

grade students. He is also an adjunct professor at Palomar College where he has taught in both the Life Science and Earth Science departments and is presently teaching Physical Oceanography.

Mr. Dorr has a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences from San Diego State University and a Masters of Science in marine sciences from the University of San Diego. Prior to becoming a teacher, he enjoyed five years working as a biological technician (fisheries) for the National Marine Fisheries Service and five additional years conducting various activities including teaching SCUBA, working as a diver at an oceanarium, and collecting marine biological data on various research projects.

In Mr. Dorr's rare free moments he enjoys SCUBA diving, underwater photography, fishing, camping and motorcycling. He never gets his fill of sharing the ocean, mountains and deserts with his wife and three children.

Keith Gretlein is a student at Palomar College and a member of last year's NOSB team from Mt. Carmel High School who competed in the national finals last year. Keith spent many hours working as assistant coach and assisting the students as they mastered difficult topics and learned the game strategy. Keith brought the expertise of a former competitor and shared his insights regarding both academic material and how to have the most positive experience with the members of other teams. Keith emphasized that this is an opportunity to gain new and interesting friends!

Sean Nesbitt, a student at University of San Diego, was also a member of the previous year team with Keith. Sean also worked as assistant coach and spent many afternoons and evenings teaching and helping students on their game strategy. Sean was instrumental in helping Mr. Dorr select the most competent and compatible team. His experience in this competition last year was invaluable to the team.

Kara Lavender, a doctoral candidate at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography of the University of California San Diego, assisted this team by bringing the students up to date information about physical oceanography and assisting them as they grappled with topics that might be encountered as team challenge questions. Ms. Lavender demonstrated a gift for teaching as she brought complex concepts from her graduate courses and shared them in a very understandable way with the students.

Scott Fisher, the principal of Mt. Carmel High School, consistently supported this NOSB team and allowed them to take trips, try new activities, take a few risks, and grow. Mr. Fisher recognized the hours of hard work and the sacrifices these students have made throughout the year and awarded the team a school varsity letter for their efforts and successes.

And, of course, I want to recognize the hard work and sacrifice put forth by the parents of all of these Mt. Carmel High School NOSB team members, supporters and friends. Excellence in learning begins in the home. These parents deserve to be honored.

Last, I want to pay a special thanks to my good friend, Admiral James D. Watkins. Admiral Watkins is the president of the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education,